

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the recitations from canceled claim 10, which was objected to in the previous Office Action for depending from a rejected claim. Applicants submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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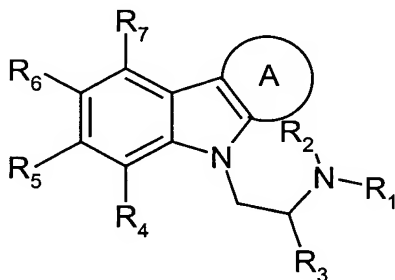
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended Twice) A chemical compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from hydrogen and alkyl;

R₃ is alkyl;

R₄, R₆ and R₇ are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, alkyl, aryl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfoxyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, carbonitrile, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy and carboxyl;

R₅ is selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, alkyl, aryl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfoxyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, carbonitrile, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy and carboxyl; and

~~[A is a 5- or 6-membered partially unsaturated or aromatic heterocyclic ring or a 5- or 6-membered partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring, wherein if A is a 6-membered partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring then at least one of R₄ to R₇ is other than hydrogen,]~~

A is a 5-membered partially unsaturated or aromatic heterocyclic ring or a 5-membered partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, addition compound or prodrug thereof.

13. (Amended Twice) A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is a 5- membered partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring[?] or a 5- membered partially unsaturated or aromatic heterocyclic ring. ~~[or a 6- membered partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring.]~~

14. (Amended Twice) A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is selected from cyclopentenyl, ~~cyclohexenyl, thiacyclohexenyl~~ and thienyl.